

Besides highlighting the work accomplished (I'm assuming you'll use the progress report to do this), we need to also know that folks attended many other important events. I drafted the language below for Ghassan and made edits to reflect WV. You should be able to use it as well, but edit if necessary since other states are not using grant funds for this.

Although not specifically funded under the Water Protection Coordination Grant, West Virginia's Office of Environmental Health Services has been actively involved in other security and emergency preparedness projects. Bob Hart participated in the Mid-Atlantic States Pandemic Planning workshop in Winchester, Virginia from January 31 to February 1, 2007 at which the states mutually developed a drinking water specific emergency response plan annex outline for utility and state use for pandemic planning purposes. Laboratory staff from the Office of Laboratory Services participated in the Regional Laboratory Response Plan meeting held on January 9, 2007 at EPA's Environmental Science Center at Ft. Meade. This plan encourages state laboratories and drinking water utilities to provide mutual aid during incidents of national significance.

We also know that plans are being made to attend an upcoming AWWA WARN workshop in March 2007.

EPA also appreciates recent efforts on the part of staff to undertake compliance assistance with those water systems that had not completed the requirements of the Bioterrorism Act of 2002 related to vulnerability assessments and emergency response plans. Only a few remaining water systems in West Virginia have not complied with these requirements.

They have also done great work to collect information on emergency back up power capabilities, but I do not see in their report. Perhaps we can get more so we can acknowledge this in your review.

The only concern would be grant spending. Do you have a workplan for the FY 2006 funds?  
Can I see it?  
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